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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, July 27, 2015, at 12 p.m.

Senate

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2015

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

O God, our shield, gird us with Your strength, while the heavens declare Your glory and the skies show Your handiwork. Sustain our lawmakers with Your loving kindness so that they shall not be moved by life's vicissitudes.

Lord, give them clean hands, pure hearts, and truthful lips so that their lives glorify You. Deliver them from anxiety about anything as they pray about everything, with thanksgiving, so that Your peace that transcends human reasoning will guard their hearts and minds.

Do for our Senators more than they can ask or imagine, according to Your power working in and through them.

We pray in Your righteous Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RULE XIX, PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair reminds all Senators of the fol-

lowing paragraph from rule XIX of the Standing Rules of the Senate, which was adopted in this form in 1902 by the Senate and which governs debate in this body.

Rule XIX, paragraph 2:

No Senator in debate shall, directly or indirectly, by any form of words impute to another Senator or to other Senators any conduct or motive unworthy or unbecoming a Senator.

When a Senator is called to order under this rule, that Senator shall take his or her seat and may not proceed without leave of the Senate.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 1861

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk that is due for its second reading.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the bill by title for the second time.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1861) to prohibit Federal funding of Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

Mr. MCCONNELL. In order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to further proceedings.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard.

The bill will be placed on the calendar.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COTTON). The majority leader.

THE HIGHWAY BILL

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, our country needs a multiyear highway bill, and we are close to finally passing a fiscally responsible and bipartisan one. Time is running short to get a bill through Congress, but as with most legislation, we still intend to consider some amendments from both sides of the aisle as we continue to work to pass it. We will start on that today.

Most important is a proposal that would repeal ObamaCare and allow our country to start over fresh with a real health care reform proposal. There is no question that I will be voting for it. There is no question that every Senator should join me in doing so. This is a law filled with higher costs, fewer choices, and broken promises.

This is a law that has failed repeatedly and continues to hammer hard-working middle-class families. The vote we will take this afternoon represents a stark choice for every Senator: protect a President who likes a law with his name on it or stand with the middle class by finally opening the way to truly affordable care.

Another proposal relates to the Export-Import Bank. I will be voting against it. The Export-Import Bank is a New Deal relic that has outlived any usefulness it might have had. If a project is worthy, private banks will step in to finance it. If it is not worthy, we should definitely not be financing it

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